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POLICING & POLICY

US Looks To Other Nations For Security Guidance.

USA Today (11/10, Hjelmgaard) reports, "Security experts agree that the menace from terrorism, hate crimes and other forms of extreme violence can't be fully eradicated any more than the threat from, say, armed robbery," as "vulnerability is hard-wired into the human experience," but "the attack on the dance floor of a California nightclub late Wednesday that left 13 dead, the 11 worshipers killed by a gunman Oct. 27 at a Pittsburgh synagogue and the Oct. 26 pipe bomb suspect's arrest for targeting prominent Democrats – raise profound questions about what if anything can be learned from other countries used to dealing with radical domestic terror and violence." USA Today adds, "Ophir Revach, the CEO of a security center attached to the European Jewish Congress, a Brussels-based group that represents Jewish communities across the Continent, said it would take more than a decade and hundreds of millions of dollars before American houses of worship – synagogues, mosques, churches – or private firms, which includes nightclubs, would be able to match the security arrangements in Europe. 'It takes a lot of effort to analyze each building and see what type of security it needs,' he said."

Canada's Message To Teens: Marijuana Is Now Legal, But Please Don't Smoke It.

The New York Times (11/11, Porter) reports, "Parents and grandparents jammed the small hall of Thornbury, a sleepy ski town north of Toronto, to glean tips on how to talk to their teenagers about the potential harms of marijuana." The Times adds, "Held less than a week before Canada was set to legalize cannabis, the public health session had a message for parents: Marijuana would be legal for adults, but it was not safe for young people," and "parents needed to instill in their children the idea that pot could be dangerous." Canada last month "became the second country to make it legal for adults to buy, grow and consume small amounts of marijuana," but "it also made it a crime to give it to anyone younger than 19 or 18, depending on the province, and set a penalty of up to 14 years in prison for doing so," and "at the same time, the government began an $83 million public education campaign, much of it targeting Canadian youths, that warns of pot's dangers."

UK Police Seek To Recruit Female Officers.

Sky News (UK) (11/9) reports, "A drive to train more women as armed police officers is under way to address the gender imbalance in the Metropolitan Police's firearms units." Sky News "was given exclusive access to a recruitment day in Kent designed to show serving officers what life would be like as part of the team on an armed response vehicle." According to Sky News, "It is seen as such a priority that the UK's most senior female counter-terrorism officer came to speak to potential applicants as the Met prepares to mark 100 years since women first joined the force." Deputy Assistant Commissioner in Specialist Operations Lucy D'Orsi "said: 'We are definitely underrepresented with women officers in the firearms command so it has given us a healthy nudge to look to improve that.'"

CRIME & DRUGS

Autopsy Confirms Thousand Oaks Shooter Died Of Self-Inflicted Gunshot.

ABC World News Tonight (11/11, story 4, 0:25, Llamas) reported briefly that an autopsy has confirmed "Ian David Long fatally shot himself after opening fire inside the Borderline Bar and Grill" in Thousand Oaks, California, killing a dozen people.

Authorities are "also investigating social media posts with time stamps showing Long posted to Instagram during the rampage, predicting people would respond to his posts with thoughts and prayers."

Thousand Oaks Shooter Posted On Instagram During Shooting, Police Say. On CBS Weekend News (11/10, story 4, 2:00, Morgan), Sgt. Eric Buschow of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office said that Ian Long, the perpetrator of the recent shooting at a bar in Thousand Oaks, California, "was actively posting on Instagram during the shooting," and that "we know that from the time stamps." However, correspondent Carter Evans added Buschow could not disclose what was actually in the posts, "which have now been removed." According to Evans, Instagram shut down Long's account following the incident, but "investigators have asked the company to preserve all of his posts."

After Thousand Oaks Shooting, More Calls Made For Gun Control. The New York Times (11/10, A1, Arango, Medina) reports on its front page that California having possibly "the toughest gun control laws in the nation" did not prevent the recent shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks. California Governor-elect Gavin Newsom said in a Thursday news conference that "the response sure as hell cannot be more guns." According to the Times, "survivors and family members of those who have been killed in gun violence are also calling for stronger measures." Newsom did not provide any measures to further the cause of gun control this week, but he did mention he would have signed some bills regarding the issue that Gov. Jerry Brown had vetoed, including one that would have broadened restraining orders.

Trump: California Bar Shooter Was "Very, Very Sick." Reuters (11/9, Thayer) reports President Trump "said on Friday the gunman who killed 12 people in a crowded South California bar this week was a "very, very sick guy," as investigators tried to determine what could have motivated the 28-year-old Marine combat veteran," Ian David Long, who on Wednesday "walked into the Borderline Bar and Grill, which was packed with dancing college students, and opened fire, fatally shooting 12 people before apparently killing himself, law enforcement officials said."

The Washington Post (11/9, Biasotti, Berman) reports "the massacre that left 12 people dead – including an 18-year-old who had just started college, a Marine and a sergeant who rushed in to confront the shooter – also left behind uncertainty regarding how a gunman neighbors knew as troubled and who prompted a mental-health check from police was able to legally obtain the handgun used in the attack." In a front-page article, the Washington Post (11/9, A1, Wax-Thibodeaux) reports "relatives had questioned whether Long had returned from a tour in Afghanistan with post-traumatic stress disorder," but "some who knew him in high school say his aggressive behavior predated his years in the military." The New York Times (11/9, Philipps) reports Dominique Colell, a track coach at Newbury Park High School, described Long as "defiant and angry" and she revealed he "eventually assaulted her on the track." Colell stated, "This shouldn't be blamed on PTSD. He was disturbed long before that. The military may have provided some training, but he had a propensity to violence before he ever joined."

For Promoting "Hate, Violence," PayPal Bans Antifa, Proud Boys.

The Washington Times (11/10, Blake) reports that PayPal is banning accounts utilized by several organizations, including Atlanta Antifa and the Proud Boys. PayPal confirmed the moves on Friday, and in a statement said that "we do not allow PayPal services to be used to promote hate, violence or other forms of intolerance that is discriminatory." Atlanta Antifascists stated that "our group completely rejects the 'both sides' stance taken by PapPal," and Jason Lee Van Dyke, a lawyer for the Proud Boys, told the Daily Beast that the group will "consider legal action for tortious interference."

One Dead In Melbourne Stabbing Attack.

ABC World News Tonight (11/9, story 8, 0:55, Muir) reported one person is dead, with two others wounded, in Melbourne, Australia Friday after the driver of a pickup truck plowed the vehicle into a crowded area, then "jump[ed] out and immediately [began] attacking people with a knife." The truck caught fire during the attack. Authorities shot the driver, who later died of his wounds.

The Wall Street Journal (11/9, Cherney, Subscription Publication) reports that the assailant was identified as 30-year-old Hassan Khalif Shire Ali, a Somali native who arrived in Australia in the 1990s, according to Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton. Ashton told reporters, "We are treating this as a terrorism incident," the New York Times (11/9, Albeck-Ripka, Rychter) reports. He added that the assailant was known to law enforcement. According to the SITE Intelligence Group, ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack, "although the group provided no evidence."

Sayoc Charged For Sending Possible Bombs To Democrats, Trump Opponents.

The Washington Post (11/9, Zapotosky) reports on Friday federal prosecutors in New York charged Cesar Sayoc in a 30-count indictment for "mailing possible package bombs to prominent Democrats and Trump critics across the country, bringing charges that are both more severe and more numerous than those he previously faced." Sayoc may face life in prison for the charges and his next appearance in court was not subsequently scheduled.

MS-13 Associate Given 40 Years In Prison For Killing 15-Year-Old.

The Washington Post (11/8, Jouvenal) reports Venus Romero Iraheta, an MS-13 associate, was given 40 years in prison for

partaking in the killing of 15-year-old Damaris Reyes Rivas in January 2017. The Post calls Iraheta "the most high-profile defendant in a slaying so horrific it drew national attention and was used by the Trump administration to grimly highlight the resurgence of MS-13 in the Washington area and beyond," as the events surrounding Damaris' death were captured by cell-phone footage and her body was found underneath an overpass a month after her killing.

FBI Closes Investigation Into Horizon Air Hijacking By Rogue Ground Services Worker.

The Wall Street Journal (11/9, Tangel, Subscription Publication) reports the FBI investigation into the Horizon Air ground services employee who stole and crashed a turboprop plane from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in August has been closed without discovering a clear motive to 28-year-old Richard Russell's actions. The investigation also revealed Russell acted alone. The Journal reports the incident, which led to a scrambling of military aircraft in pursuit of the recklessly flown Horizon Q400, sparked concerns over airport security, but the TSA found Horizon Air and Alaska Air Group were following all federal laws. As for the NTSB's investigation, the Safety Board found the plane appears to have been crashed intentionally and not through pilot error or aircraft malfunction.

Australian Woman Arrested After Needles Found In Strawberries.

The Independent (UK) (11/11, Dalton) reports, "A 50-year-old woman has been charged over an Australia-wide alert caused by fresh fruit being spiked with needles." According to the Independent, "Authorities in all six of the country's states were investigating the tampering that has led to needles or pins being found in strawberries, apples and bananas." The Independent adds, "The crisis meant tonnes of strawberries were dumped or went to waste, threatening the future of the multi-million-dollar industry," and "it also led to harsher penalties being rushed through federal parliament for those caught tampering with food." The Queensland woman "has been charged with seven counts of contamination of goods, which has a three-year maximum jail term."

The 2019 IACP Technology Conference Call for Presentations is now open. This year's theme, Technology Into Action, showcases how law enforcement can put technology to work to address critical needs in their community. The conference will be held in Jacksonville, Florida, on May 20-22, 2019. The deadline to submit a presentation is November 16, 2018. Get started today.

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TECHNOLOGY

UK Police Leader: Officers "Hamstrung" By Outdated Technology.

The Independent (UK) (11/10, Dearden) reports, "Britain's most senior police officer has said officers are 'hamstrung' by outdated technology while the 'bad guys' race ahead." Cressida Dick, commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police, "said the government had repeatedly called on the police service to transform itself and make use of new technology, but failed to provide the national leadership needed to do it." The Independent adds, "The void has left the 43 forces in England and Wales purchasing new technology ad hoc and at significant expense," and "new systems that are introduced do not always 'talk' to those in neighbouring forces, and work to combine existing databases into the new 'Law Enforcement Data Service' is delayed." The Metropolitan Police "is among forces facing a legal challenge over its trials of controversial facial recognition technology, which compares live or still images of people to those of wanted suspects."

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